

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7
By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Miss Mildred Jackson Stoves.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Miss Mildred Jackson Stoves; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Nashville, Miss Stoves was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was immensely dedicated to the social work profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, Miss Stoves was the daughter of the late Dr. George Stoves and the late Clara Chadwick Stoves; and

WHEREAS, born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, Miss Stoves graduated from Vanderbilt University where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Women's Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, she received Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Chicago School of Social Work and taught at Martin College in Tennessee and Granada College in Alabama before beginning a distinguished 35-year career in Social Work in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Miss Stoves was a member of the first staff of the Tennessee Department of Welfare, established in 1937, after working with the Davidson County Welfare Commission for seven years; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen as Director of Public Assistance for the State Welfare Department, Director of the Martha O'Brien Settlement House, District Visitor for the

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Davidson County Welfare Commission, Case Supervisor in Shelby County, Director of Social Services of Tennessee Welfare Commission and was a President of the Tennessee Conference of Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, for 15 years prior to her retirement, this inimitable Tennessean was Executive Director of the Florence Crittenton Home in Nashville, which later appropriately named a new building the "Mildred Stoves Center for Crittenton Services" in her honor; and

WHEREAS, known for her subtle wit and ability to delight audiences with her humorous stories, Mildred Stoves was a remarkable person who dedicated her life to and found happiness in helping others; and

WHEREAS, Miss Stoves was an active and devout member of the West End United Methodist Church, of which she was a member for many years; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mildred Jackson Stoves leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Miss Stoves enjoyed the love and support of her family, including three nephews, Joseph B. Coke, Jr., George Stoves Coke and Roberts Chadwick Coke, all of Georgia, several great nephews and a great niece; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Miss Mildred Jackson Stoves, remembering with admiration her strong character and many selfless contributions to the Nashville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Miss Stoves.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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